

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An address translation device comprising:  
an extraction unit extracting, from data  
5 received via a first network, a fixed identifier  
indicating a transmission source of the data;  
a storage unit storing the fixed identifier and  
an address, in a second network, of the transmission  
source indicated by the fixed identifier by relating  
10 fixed identifier and the address each other;  
a reading unit reading the address, in the  
second network, stored on the storage unit and  
related to the fixed identifier extracted by the  
extraction unit; and  
15 a replacing unit replacing the address in the  
second network read by the reading unit with the  
source address of the data.

2. An address translation device according to  
20 Claim 1, further comprising:

an identifier extraction unit extracting a  
variable address of a terminal device connected to  
the first network and the fixed identifier, from the  
data received via the first network;  
25 an identifier storage unit storing the variable  
address and the fixed identifier extracted by the  
identifier extraction unit by relating the variable

address and the fixed identifier;

5 a variable address acquisition unit acquiring,  
from the storage unit and the identifier storage unit,  
the variable address corresponding to a destination  
address of the data addressed to the terminal device,  
which contains, as a destination address, the address  
in the second network received via the second  
network; and

10 a rewriting unit rewriting the destination  
address of the received data into the variable  
address acquired by the variable address acquisition  
unit.

3. A packet translation device, interposed  
15 between an IPv6 (Internet Protocol version 6) network  
and an IPv4 (Internet Protocol version 4) network,  
for mutually translating an IPv4 packet and an IPv6  
packet, comprising:

20 an extraction unit extracting, from the IPv6  
packet, a fixed identifier indicating a transmission  
source of the IPv6 packet;

a storage unit storing the fixed identifier and  
an IPv4 address assigned to the transmission source  
by relating the fixed identifier and an IPv4 address  
25 each other;

a reading unit reading the IPv4 address stored  
on the storage unit and related to the fixed

identifier extracted by the extraction unit; and  
a packet translating unit translating the IPv6  
packet into the IPv4 packet with the IPv4 address  
read by the reading unit being set as a source  
5 address.

4. A packet translation device according to  
Claim 3, further comprising:  
an identifier receiving unit receiving data  
10 containing a care-of address of an IPv6 terminal  
device and the fixed identifier indicating the IPv6  
terminal device;  
an identifier storage unit storing the care-of  
address and the fixed identifier that have been  
15 received by the identifier receiving unit by relating  
to the care-of address and the fixed identifier each  
other; and  
a care-of address acquisition unit acquiring  
the care-of address corresponding to a destination  
20 address of the received IPv4 packet from the storage  
unit and from the identifier storage unit,  
wherein the packet translating unit translates  
the IPv4 packet into an IPv6 packet with the care-of  
address acquired by the care-of address acquisition  
25 unit being set as a destination address.

5. A packet translation device according to

Claim 3 or 4, wherein the fixed identifier is a home address of the IPv6 terminal device.

6. A packet translation device according to  
5 Claim 3 or 4, wherein the storage unit further stores a port number by relating the port number, the address and the fixed identifier each other, and  
wherein the reading unit reads the IPv4 address and the source port number stored on the storage unit  
10 and related to the fixed identifier extracted by the extraction unit.

7. A packet translation device according to Claim 6, wherein the care-of address acquisition unit  
15 acquires, from the storage unit and the identifier storage unit, a care-of address corresponding to the destination address and the destination port number of the IPv4 packet received.

20 8. A packet translation system comprising:  
a packet translation device, interposed between an IPv6 (Internet Protocol version 6) network and an IPv4 (Internet Protocol version 4) network, for mutually translating an IPv4 packet and an IPv6  
25 packet, comprising:  
an extraction unit extracting, from the IPv6 packet, a fixed identifier indicating a transmission

source of the IPv6 packet;

a storage unit storing the fixed identifier and an IPv4 address assigned to the transmission source by relating the fixed identifier and an IPv4 address  
5 each other;

a reading unit reading the IPv4 address stored on the storage unit and related to the fixed identifier extracted by the extraction unit;

a packet translating unit translating the IPv6  
10 packet into the IPv4 packet with the IPv4 address read by the reading unit being set as a source address;

an identifier receiving unit receiving data containing a care-of address of an IPv6 terminal  
15 device and the fixed identifier indicating the IPv6 terminal device;

an identifier storage unit storing the care-of address and the fixed identifier that have been received by the identifier receiving unit by relating  
20 the care-of address and the fixed identifier each other; and

a care-of address acquisition unit acquiring the care-of address corresponding to a destination address of the received IPv4 packet from the storage  
25 unit and the identifier storage unit,

wherein the packet translating unit translates the IPv4 packet into an IPv6 packet with the care-of

address acquired by the care-of address acquisition unit being set as a destination address;

an IPv6 terminal device transmitting, to a home agent set in the device itself, a registration  
5 message containing a care-of address and a home address that are assigned to the device itself; and

a home agent forwarding, upon receiving the registration message from the IPv6 terminal device, the received registration message to the packet  
10 translation device.

9. A packet translation system comprising:

a packet translation device, interposed between an IPv6 (Internet Protocol version 6) network and an  
15 IPv4 (Internet Protocol version 4) network, for mutually translating an IPv4 packet and an IPv6 packet, comprising:

an extraction unit extracting, from the IPv6 packet, a fixed identifier indicating a transmission  
20 source of the IPv6 packet;

a storage unit storing the fixed identifier and an IPv4 address assigned to the transmission source by relating the fixed identifier and an IPv4 address each other;

25 a reading unit reading the IPv4 address stored on the storage unit related to the fixed identifier extracted by the extraction unit;

a packet translating unit translating the IPv6 packet into the IPv4 packet with the IPv4 address read by the reading unit being set as a source address;

5           an identifier receiving unit receiving data containing a care-of address of an IPv6 terminal device and the fixed identifier indicating the IPv6 terminal device;

            an identifier storage unit storing the care-of  
10 address and the fixed identifier that have been received by the identifier receiving unit by relating the care-of address and the fixed identifier each other; and

            a care-of address acquisition unit acquiring  
15 the care-of address corresponding to a destination address of the received IPv4 packet from the storage unit and the identifier storage unit,

            wherein the packet translating unit translates the IPv4 packet into an IPv6 packet with the care-of  
20 address acquired by the care-of address acquisition unit being set as a destination address; and

            an IPv6 terminal device for transmitting, to the packet translation device set in the device itself, a registration message containing a care-of  
25 address and a home address that are assigned to the device itself.